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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Official Action mailed February 13, 2002 (paper number 6). As the paper set a one month period for reply, a Request for a two month extension of time is enclosed, and this response is timely filed.

Response to Restriction under 35 USC §121

The Office Action requires election under 35 U.S.C. §121 between two groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 64-95 and 105-108, drawn to methods for producing a long-term culture of immature dendritic cells; and

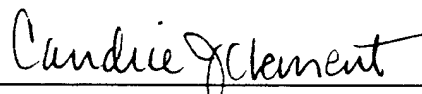
Group II: Claims 96-104 and 109, drawn to a population of immature dendritic cells and a pharmaceutical composition containing immature dendritic cells, and a method of treating a patient by immunotherapy comprising administering an effective amount of immature dendritic cells.

Groups I and II are said to be mutually exclusive and independent: the methods for producing dendritic cells of Group I are not required for the methods of treatment of Group II and vice versa.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (64-95 and 105-108) for prosecution on the merits in this application. This election is without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue any non-elected claims in a subsequent filing.

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Respectfully submitted,



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